



NATIONAL FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE®

328 MASSACHUSETTS AVE., N.E.
WASHINGTON, DC 20002
PHONE 202-547-8189 • FAX 615-202-547-8190

CHUCK CANTERBURY
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

JAMES O. PASCO, JR.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

7 May 2018

The Honorable Rodney L. Davis
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Davis,

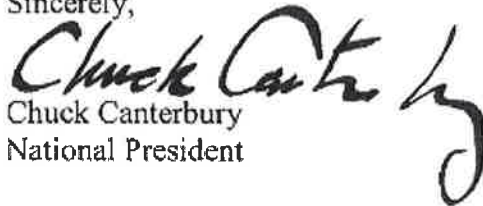
I am writing on behalf of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our support for H.R. 5219, the "Opioid Prescription Verification Act."

Our nation is currently facing an epidemic of opioid related deaths—drugs now kill more people than gunshot wounds and car crashes. It is vital to law enforcement efforts to stem the tide of opioid related deaths in our communities.

Your bill will require retail sellers of opioids to verify the identity of the prospective purchaser and will require them to enter certain information about the purchase into the State's prescription drug monitoring system. This is another tool that will be helpful to law enforcement in stopping bad actors and stopping those who continue to push these deadly prescriptions on the streets of our communities.

On behalf of the more than 335,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, thank you for giving law enforcement the tools to help combat this deadly epidemic that is gripping our nation. If I can be of any further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Senior Advisor, Jim Pasco, in my Washington office.

Sincerely,


Chuck Canterbury
National President